

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1516

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**As Reported by House Committee On:**  
Health Care

**Title:** An act relating to increasing access to health services for children through the "kids get care" service delivery model.

**Brief Description:** Increasing access to health services for children through the "kids get care" service delivery model.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Schual-Berke, Tom, Kagi, Hankins, Haler, Cody, Priest, Campbell, Kessler, Dunshee, Clibborn, Wallace, Dickerson, Linville, Fromhold, Hunter, Green, Morrell, Darneille, McDermott, Simpson, Chase, O'Brien, Sells, Roberts, Kilmer, Moeller and Ormsby.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Health Care: 2/8/05, 2/24/05 [DPS].

**Brief Summary of Substitute Bill**

- Appropriates \$1,195,000 for the 2005-07 biennium to the Department of Health to provide preventive health care for children statewide.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

**Majority Report:** The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 13 members: Representatives Cody, Chair; Campbell, Vice Chair; Morrell, Vice Chair; Bailey, Ranking Minority Member; Curtis, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Appleton, Clibborn, Condotta, Green, Hinkle, Lantz, Moeller and Schual-Berke.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass. Signed by 1 member: Representative Alexander.

**Staff:** Dave Knutson (786-7146).

**Background:**

The Seattle-King County Health Department operates a program called "kids get care." It provides integrated preventive medical, oral, and developmental health services to young children. Its goal is to reduce the need for hospitalization, caries treatment, and developmental interventions. The program operates through community health centers and private medical practices.

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**Summary of Substitute Bill:**

The Department of Health and the Seattle-King County Health Department will collaborate with local health care agencies and providers to disseminate strategic interventions designed to improve health outcomes in children and save health care costs. The amount of \$1,195,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health to provide preventive health care for children statewide. A null and void clause is included.

**Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:**

The substitute bill contains a null and void clause.

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**Appropriation:** The sum of \$1,195,000.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date of Substitute Bill:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed. However, the bill is null and void unless funded in the budget.

**Testimony For:** The program is a cost effective approach to providing preventive medical, oral, and developmental health services to young children.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Persons Testifying:** Representative Schual-Berke, prime sponsor; Susan Johnson, King County Health Action Plan; Irene Hutcher, Washington Dental Service Foundation; Tom Malone; and Bob Crittenden, Washington Academy of Family Physicians.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.